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Letter dated 20 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you as follows:

On 3 April 2000 a Kuwaiti boat intercepted a fishing boat belonging to the Iraqi citizen Husayn Dahi Sa'dun while he was fishing near Al-Bakr seaport No. 7 in our territorial waters at long. 50° N lat. 47° E. They stopped the boat because it was flying the Iraqi flag and demanded that the flag be lowered, alleging that the boat was within Kuwaiti territorial waters. They attacked and insulted the crew of the boat and threw all their belongings into the sea.

I request you to intervene with Kuwait in order that a halt be put to such provocative practices and aggressive actions being carried out by Kuwaiti patrols without justification, inasmuch as they contravene the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of international law, as well as constituting the threat to the sovereignty and security of the Republic of Iraq.

I affirm the right of the Republic of Iraq to demand compensation for the damage done to it and to its citizens and their property through such acts of aggression, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Saeed H. **Hasan**
Ambassador
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